

## THE FARM.

## ALFALFA EXPERIENCES.

## IN KENTUCKY.

In 1894 the writer sowed one acre to alfalfa. A late cold snap in April got away with every plant almost. In 1896 two acres were sown in May where rye had been seeded the previous fall. Here it came up very nicely but by the time the rye was harvested most of the alfalfa had disappeared. This piece of land, a high hill-top, was then seeded to clover and has ever since been used as a clover meadow. All the alfalfa, however, did not perish and is still there, now nine years old. On this piece of land I find it has voluntarily spread to a limited extent. My third attempt was by mixing alfalfa with clover and sowing on wheat. This of course was a failure, but enough remained on these three trials to convince me of its value and that a good stand could be obtained if properly and carefully seeded. In May, 1904, I thoroughly prepared one acre of black sandy land (not rich) on which cow peas, soy beans and sweet potatoes had been grown for several years, and on the 15th of May I sowed 15 pounds of alfalfa seed, and run over it with a light drag. In a short time the alfalfa was up, looked fine, was clipped during the summer three or four times. It was irregular in growth, was apparently patchy. Crab grass came so thick that I was badly discouraged and regarded my fourth effort as a failure. However, when fall came I thought I would do my best to make it pull through the winter. Before freezing winter came on I covered it with stable manure and in the spring it gave me hopes of success, but still remained somewhat patchy. I mowed this acre four times, the last time on the 13th of October. At the third cutting a small plot was dried thoroughly and weighed, yielding at the rate of 4,240 pounds per acre.

I again gave it a fourth coat of stable manure early in the present winter and at this writing, March 6, it is quite green and looks very promising. The land is quite thin by nature and never had any fertilizing excepting the stable manure spoken of above and 600 pounds of commercial fertilizer worked into the ground in its preparation before the seed was sown. There was no inoculation or use of any of the bacterial preparations on the market or furnished by the Department of Agriculture. I did however, scatter soil in a very liberal manner taken from where quite a patch of sweet clover grew. Specimen plants were taken from this acre of alfalfa for the alfalfa and corn special train run through Kentucky under the auspices of the Department of Agriculture of Kentucky that alfalfa experts pronounced very fine.

I will add that this land on which this alfalfa grows is hill land well-drained naturally and is what is termed in this country as mountain land with quite an amount of iron ore but no lime. Yesterday I visited a piece of land sown to alfalfa last spring and then entirely abandoned which at this date is a good set and on the poorest land I ever saw in my life. It is showing growth now on this thin, worn-out land, that would not raise a weed to choke it out.

And I give it as my opinion that if this very poor land only had a top dressing of stable manure, it would give a fair crop of alfalfa. During the meeting of the Kentucky State Farmers' Institute held at Frankfort, Ky., last week Jos. E. Wing of Ohio addressed the institute on the subject of growing alfalfa and I never saw such interest manifested by an audience of farmers as was shown by close attention and the many questions fired at him at the close of his address.

It seems farmers are all wanting to try alfalfa. Many will fail, many will succeed. Go slow, be careful in all things pertaining to the preparation of the seedbed, sowing, etc. This done if you fail try it again, as the advice of a hill farmer, who kept trying for twelve years. Now I know I can grow alfalfa. W. T. K. Kentucky.

## INGALL'S EULOGY OF GRASS.

The following tribute to grass, written by the late Senator Ingalls of Kansas, should be preserved:

"Majestic, fruitful, wondrous plant! The corn triumphant, that with the aid of man hath made victorious procession across the tuffed plain, and laid foundation for the social excellence that is, and is to be. This glorious plant, transmitted by the alchemy of God, sustains the warrior to battle, the poet to muse, and strengthens everywhere the thousand arms that work the purposes of life."

"Next in importance to the divine profusion of water, light and air, these three great physical facts which render existence possible, may be reckoned the universal beneficence of grass. Exaggerated by tropical heats

and vapors to the gigantic cane congested with its saccharine secretion or dwarfed by polar rigors to the fibrous hair of northern solitudes, embracing between these extremes the maize with its resolute pennons, the rice plant of southern swamps, the wheat, rye, barley, oats and other cereals, no less than the humbler verdure of the hillside, pasture and prairie in the temperate zone, grass is the most widely distributed of all vegetable beings and is at once the type of our life and the emblem of mortality. Lying in the sunshine among the buttercups and the dandelions of May, scarcely higher in intelligence than the minute tenants of the mimic wilderness, our earliest recollections are of grass; and when the fitful fever is ended and the foolish wrangle of the market and the forum is closed, grass heals over the scar which our descent into the bosom of the earth has made, and the carpet of the infant becomes the blanket of the dead.

"Grass is the forgiveness of Nature—her constant benediction. Fields trampled with battle, saturated with blood, torn with the ruts of cannon, grow green again with grass and carnage is forgotten. Streets abandoned by traffic become grass-grown like rural lanes and obliterated. Forests decay, harvests perish, flowers vanish, but grass is immortal. Be-leaguered by the sullen hosts of winter, it withdraws into the impenetrable fortress of its subterranean vitality and emerges upon the first sollicitation of spring. Sown by the winds, by wandering birds, propagated by the subtle horticulture of the elements, which are its ministers and servants, it softens the rude outline of the world. Its tenacious fibers hold the earth in its place and prevent its soluble components from washing into the wasting sea. It invades the solitudes of deserts, climbs the inaccessible slopes and forbidding pinnacles of mountains, modifies climates and determines the history, character and destiny of the nations. Unobtrusive and patient, it has immortal vigor and aggregation. Banished from the thoroughfare and the field, it bides its time to return, and when vigilance is relaxed or the dynasty has perished it silently resumes the throne from which it has been expelled but which it never abdicates. It bears no blazonry of bloom to charm the senses with fragrance or splendor; but its homely hue is more enchanting than the lily or the rose. It yields to fruit in earth or air, and yet should its harvest fail for a single year famine would depopulate the world."

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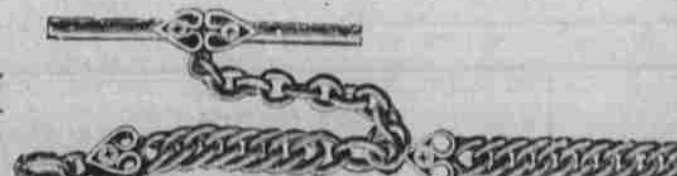
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